

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 3 have been amended and claim 5 is newly added.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,206,700 to Brown et al. (hereinafter "**Brown et al.**").

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Brown et al. discloses a learning assistance system for young children (kindergarten or first graders) and/or children with hearing loss (either total or partial), or children with other types of perception impairments, such as learning disabilities. (Column 5, lines 56-60)

However, the present invention is directed to a method and apparatus for providing a normal person with more effective foreign language training.

One distinction between the present invention and **Brown et al.** is the way of determining the length of the time interval between the first multimedia file and the second multimedia file. **Brown et al.** discloses that the amount of time for each task is autonomously and dynamically changed on the basis of the user's performance. (Column 9, lines 22-37)

Therefore, the system of **Brown et al.** determines the length of time interval according to user's reaction time, regardless of the file executing time, and must continuously record the user's reaction time and then comprise a complex algorithm for calculating the time for each task.

In the present invention, the time interval is adjusted in accordance with predetermined proportion to the first file execution time checked by the checking means, wherein the user manually selects the proportion via the input portion.

For instance, the user can set the time in the range of 150% to 70% of file executing item according to his ability. Therefore, the user's convenience and study efficiency can be highly improved.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 4 have been amended to clarify this distinction, and the 35 USC §102(e) rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 1-5, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.


If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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